Indices of Orissa and Other States

3801. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the present indices compare with the rest of Orissa and the State average;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to extend the Development Plan; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to include some more backward areas such as Padampur Block of Baragarh district and Phulbani district in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) In terms of certain socio-economic indices, the State of Orissa does compare unfavourably with many other States.

(b) and (c) At present, alongwith various on-going Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Special Central Assistance is also being allocated for the Special Plan for the eight erstwhile Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa and additionally to five more districts under the Backward Districts Initiative. In the current year, a Backward Regions Grant Fund will be implemented, the details of which are being finalized.

Restructuring of Delhi Transport Authorities

3802. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has asked the Delhi Transport Authorities to restructure their system to minimize the losses;

(b) the details of loss of the authority in 2004; and

(c) the action plan of the State Government to control the unabated loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the Transport Department of National Capital Territory of Delhi, 11 Transport Authorities are functioning in different zones of Delhi.